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1. TESTS OF THE TELESCOPING HOOK BLADE KNIFE HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. THE KNIFE HAS BEEN TEST JUMPED FOUR TIMES BY BOTH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WITH FULL PRESSURE SUIT AND SEAT KIT. SIX LINE CUTS WERE QUICKLY COMPLETED WITH VIRTUALLY NO EXERTION ON ALL JUMPS. HOWEVER, IT IS NECESSARY TO LOOSEN THE NECK RING TAKE-UP STRAP SO THE JUMPER CAN GET HIS HEAD BACK SUFFICIENTLY TO SEE THE MARKED LINES ON THE REAR RISERS THAT ARE TO BE CUT.

2. RECOMMEND THAT A TELESCOPING HOOK BLADE KNIFE BE ADOPTED AND ISSUED TO ALL PROJECT PILOTS ASAP. THIS KNIFE FITS EASILY IN THE SUIT KNIFE POCKET. THIS CAPABILITY IS ESPECIALLY REQUIRED FOR DEPLOYED OPERATIONS.

3. SAMPLE KNIFE, PARTS LIST, AND DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION IS BEING FORWARDED TO [REDACTED]

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